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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE "PRIVATE" GISCARD VISIT TO POLAND  
THIS YEAR.

1. ALTHOUGH PRESIDENT GISCARD MADE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL  
OFFICIAL VISIT TO POLAND AS RECENTLY AS JUNE 1975 AND  
WILL MAKE THIS YEAR'S EASTERN EUROPEAN VISIT TO YUGOSLA-  
VIA, ELYSEE INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMBER TELLS US IN  
CONFIDENCE THAT GISCARD PROBABLY WILL ALSO MAKE FURTHER  
SHORT "PRIVATE" VISIT TO POLAND THIS FALL. SOURCE SAID  
THIS WILL PROBABLY BE "HUNTING WEEKEND" WITH GIREECK.

2. ASKED FOR REASONS, SINCE ELYSEE CALENDAR NOTORIOUSLY  
CROWDED, SOURCE SAID THERE WERE IN FACT TWO GENERAL  
OBJECTIVES: FIRST, FRANCE'S INTEREST IN FURTHER  
DEEPENING ITS "SPECIAL" RELATIONSHIP WITH POLAND, TO  
HELP POLES ENHANCE THEIR MARGINS OF MANEUVER AND TO MAKE  
"INDIRECT POINT" IN MOSCOW. SECOND REASON WAS, WHAT  
SOURCE SOMEWHAT SELFCONSCIOUSLY CALLED FRANCE'S "TRADI-  
TIONAL RIVALRY WITH BONN" OVER RELATIONS WITH POLAND.

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SINCE THE RECENT CONCLUSIONS OF THE POLISH-FRG AGREE-

MENT, GISCARD APPARENTLY FELT THAT FRANCE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DO "EVEN MORE."

3. COMMENT: IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT POLES SHOULD HAVE EXTENDED INVITATION FOR THIS "HUNTING WEEKEND", NOW UNDER DISCUSSION, FOR REASONS SIMILAR TO THOSE CITED BY ELYSEE SOURCE. WHAT DOES STARTLE US SOMEWHAT IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH TRADITIONAL FRENCH COMPETITIVENESS WITH RESPECT TO POLAND SHOULD APPARENTLY STILL PLAY A PART IN HIGH LEVEL CALCULATIONS ABOUT THIS TRIANGULAR RELATIONSHIP.

4. PLEASE PROTECT ABOVE FULLY.  
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